# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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PURCHASE OF FOODGRAINS AFTER CUT OFF DATE
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether rice was procured by Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Varanasi and Kanpur even after the expiry of cut-off date;

(b) if so, the details in this regard during the last three years alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any enquiry in this matter;

(d) if so, the results of the enquiry; and

(e) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): No rice was purchased by FCI in Varanasi and Kanpur after expiry of cut-off date during 2001-02 and 2002-03. In 2003-04 some rice stock under levy was delivered by State Government before 30.6.2004 and the same could not be accepted since the concerned Assistant Manager (Quality Control) at Farrukhabad (Kanpur) proceeded on unauthorized leave, though the quality of the same was checked by technical official, who was posted to assist the Assistant Manager(Quality Control). On the representation of Millers, the acknowledgements were got issued by Depot Incharge and the stock was taken in the books of account after 30.6.2004.

(c), (d) & (e): A complaint regarding purchase of 88 lots of BRL rice stocks at FSD, Farrukhabad during the period 13.7.2004 to 19.7.2004 has been received. Executive Director (Vigilance), Food Corporation of India (Hqrs) has been asked to enquire into the allegation.